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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Milbank Carnegie Library displays a local adaption of a Neo-Classic design. Some of the classical elements include a denticulated cornice, unfluted Doric columns, pilasters and a small dome. A guiet hip roof line and symmetrical appearance also enhance this mode.

Some of the general characteristics include one story height three bay wide, a high basement and a L floor plan. Reddish brown brick facing of the running bond type serve as facing while rockfaced ashlar acts as the building foundation. An attractive setting on a corner lot adds considerably to the structure's aesthetic quality.

All the main level's windows utilize a top light; most are flat topped but two have fan lights and sidelights. Most of these fenestrations are double hung, have stone lugsills and have two over two sashes. A roof that extends from the main roof covers the main entry and is supported by Doric columns. The door has a romanesque arch with a keystone.

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1800-1899	COMMERCE	EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	PHILOSOPHY	TRANSPORTATION
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SPECIFIC DATES 1906

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Carnegie libraries throughout the country are significant reminders of an era where men like John D. Rockfeller, Andrew Carnegie, and Marshal Field amassed great fortunes and then spent a good portion of them on philantropic projects. Carnegie called this idea the gospel of wealth and during his life he helped pay for over 2,500 libraries in the United States and Canada. These buildings symbolize the social history of an era where "the captains of industry" earned fortunes and spent much of this wealth on humanitarian efforts.

Another important aspect that city libraries have in common and that is they reflect a portion of community planning. For these types of institutions were cultural and educational centers, especially for smaller cities. Also, these buildings many times display some of the best examples of formal architecture. In the case of Milbank, the structure is a good example of a local adaption of a Neo-classical design.

Milbank has had a library since 1882; two years after the city was platted. By 1905 the old quarters were too small and the city received \$7,000 on the condition that \$700 be appropriated annually from public funds and the city provide the land. An architect named Church from Minneapolis designed the building, which was finished in 1906.

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